

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Sep 60	2. LOCATION Saratoga Springs, New York	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 17/0001-0015Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE 1 - NE 2 - SE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other SATELLITES <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 2 objects about 5 min apart, size of planet Mars, bright red. Bright red color appeared below the UFO intermittently and the color was streaked, but did not appear to be exhaust. Objects seemed to zig zag. Both objects disappeared by falling below the horizon. <u>Satellites</u>		11. COMMENTS Strong possibility that object which was first observed was planet Venus. As the planet set, atmospheric refraction was responsible for distortion and apparent motions causing the misidentification. It is not understood why witnesses thought objects disappeared in S and N. The bright star Spica (Virgo) was probably one of objects distorted by atmospheric refraction in same way as Venus. Spica set just before Venus and could account for time difference. Spica mag 1.2. Venus mag -3.3.

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[REDACTED] FROM RADOPS 9-50. MOON DUST. IN COMPLIANCE
WITH BOADS MSG BOOIN 202, ADC MSG ADCIN 2477 AND AFR 200-2,
PARA 15 THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED. SEE AFR 200-2, PART
15 TO UNDERSTAND FOLLOWING FORMAT.

- A. (1) ROUND.
- (2) THE SIZE OF THE PLANET MARS.
- (3) BRIGHT RED.
- (4) 2 OBJECTS ABOUT 5 MINUTES APART.
- (5) SEE PARA BRAVO 3.
- (6) THE RED GLOW WAS SEPARATED FROM THE UFO.
- (7) A BRIGHT RED COLOR APPEARED BELOW THE UFO INTERMITTENTLY
AND THE OBSERVER SAID THE COLOR WAS STREAKED BUT IT DID NOT

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APPEAR TO BE EXHAUST.

(8) NONE.

(9) NONE.

- B. (1) OBSERVER AND FAMILY WERE SITTING IN AUTOMOBILE
(CONVERTABLE) OUTSIDE THEIR HOME EXPLAINING THE LOCATIONS OF THE
VARIOUS PLANTS WHEN THEY NOTICED THE OBJECT KISS IN THE SKY.
- (2) BOTH OBJECTS WERE SEEN AT A 15 DEGREE ANGLE AND 270 DEGREES
AZIMUTH FROM [REDACTED] HOUSE.
- (3) THE FIRST OBJECT DISAPPEARED AT A 15 DEGREE ANGLE AND 180

(5) NONE.

- B. (1) OBSERVER AND FAMILY WERE SITTING IN AUTOMOBILE (CONVERTABLE) OUTSIDE THEIR HOME EXPLAINING THE LOCATIONS OF THE VARIOUS PLANTES WHEN THEY NOTICED THE OBJECT RISE IN THE SKY.
(2) BOTH OBJECTS WERE SEEN AT A 15 DEGREE ANGLE AND 270 DEGREE AZIMUTH FROM MR SMITH'S HOUSE.
(3) THE FIRST OBJECT DISAPPEARED AT A 15 DEGREE ANGLE AND 180 DEGREES FROM HIS HOUSE. THE SECOND WAS 15 DEGREES AND ABOUT 360 DEGREES FROM HIS HOUSE.
(4) OBJECTS TRAVELED A DUE COURSE BUT SEEMED TO ZIG ZAG. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE ZIG ZAG THE OBSERVER SAID IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN ILLUSION CAUSED BY THE BRIGHT RED GLOW.
(5) BOTH OBJECTS DISAPPEARED WHEN THEY FELL BELOW THE HORIZON.
(6) ABOUT 10 MINUTES.
- C. (1) GROUND VISUAL.
(2) NONE.
(3) N/A.

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D. (1) BETWEEN 0001Z AND 0015Z 17 SEPT CURR.

(2) NIGHT.

E. SARATOGA SPRINGS NEW YORK.

F. (1) MR [REDACTED], AGE 45 YEARS, [REDACTED] SARATOGA SPRINGS NY. OCCUPATION: CONTRACTOR. RETIRED FROM POLICE FORCE AFTER 25 YEARS SERVICE. SEVERAL YEARS FLYING EXPERIENCE IN SMALL AIRCRAFT. CREDABILITY; GOOD.

- G. (1) CLEAR, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED, WINDS CALM.
(2) SURFACE CALM, 6000 FT/300 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS, 10000 FT/310 AT 10, 20000FT/320 AT 15, 30000 FT/320 AT 30, 50000FT/290 AT 45 KNOTS.
(3) CLEAR.
(4) 15 MILES.
(5) NONE.

G. METEOROLOGY, VISIBILITY ONE MILE, WINDS GUSTY.

(2) SURFACE CALM, 6000 FEET/300 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS, 10000 FT/310
AT 10, 20000FT/320 AT 15, 30000 FT/320 AT 30, 50000FT/290 AT 45
KNOTS.

(3) CLEAR.

(4) 15 MILES.

(5) NONE.

(6) NONE.

(7) UNKNOWN.

H. POSSIBILITY OF ATMOSPHERE REENTRY OF SATELITE 1960 LAMBDA
(SPUTNIK 5 CARRIER ROCKET).

I. NONE.

J. UNKNOWN.

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K. PERSONNEL OFFICER: PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS REVEALS THIS TO BE POSSIBLE
CARRIER ROCKET MENTIONED IN PARA H.

L. NONE. END OF MSG.

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